GERMANY ACCEPTS AND WILL TURN OVER SHIPS IN RETURN FOR FOOD

Announcement Was Made at Brussels That She Definitely Agrees to the Proposition Advanced by the Allies After Considerable Quibbling.

GETS 370,000 TONS FOODSTUFFS MONTHLY

Germans at First Demurred, Saying That the Ration Was Smaller Than They Had Requested-German-Owned Securities Must Be Tendered in Payment for Food.

Brussels, March 14. - The German delegates to the conference here regarding the taking over by the allies of the German mercantile fleet and the provisioning of Germany to-day definitely accepted the conditions imposed by the allies.

Brussels, Thursday, March 13.-A monthly ration for Germany of 370,000 tons of foodstuffs was fixed to-day by the allied commission, which is in this city conferring with a German delegation as to the turning over of the German merchant shipping and Germanyowned securities in payment for food shipments. The Germans observed that this ration was smaller than they had requested, and were pessimistic as to rank. the arrangement of satisfactory financial

After Vice Admiral Roslyn Wemyss of Great Britain, chairman of the allied delegation, had presented the conditions decided upon by the entente, the Germans asked to be allowed to withdraw for consideration. They then formed three subcommittees to deal with questions of finance, food supply and mercantile marine. This evening another plenary session was held, Vice Admiral Weymss saying at its close that a satisfactory progress was being made.

In the evening, the Germans asked to be given the use of a telegraph line to

Berlin, Tuesday, March 11 (By the Associated Press).—Germany expects that the allies will provide food supplies until Aug. 15, which is the earliest possible date that flour from this year's harvest can be counted upon, said Under Secretary of State Von Braun to-day before leaving for Brussels to participate in negotiations with an allied commission relative to food shipments and the turning over of German shipping for the use of the entente nations.

During the war there has been a system of paying premiums for early threshing, but this, according to Herr Von Braun, results in much grain being cut before it is ripe and being threshed in a damp condition. In his opinion, the system throws the normal course of agriculture "out of gear" because other harvest operations are interrupted to rush grain to the thresher. For this reason, he said, the allies should agree to continue sending food supplies until Sep-

Herr Von Braun said Germany would ask for 1,400,000 tons of grain and a monthly importation of 100,000 tons of pork and fats in addition to condensed milk, rice, oatmeal, and other commodities required particularly for invalids, in fants and hospitals. He estimated the cost of these shipments at five billion

It is a matter of great importance, he said, that food should arrive at the earliest possible moment, and that the total amount to be provided be known, so that the government could adjust rations until the next harvest.

"Only under these conditions is it pos sible to combat bolshevism and bring the German people back to same conditions of life and political and industrial sobriety," he said.

OPERATE BOATS UNDER GUARD. That Move Made to Break Boat Workers' Strike in New York.

New York, March 15.- In an effort to break the strike of the harbor boat workers, which has crippled the port of New York for some time, officials of the Boat Owners' association to-day planned to place boats in operation with strike breakers, under strong guard. A recruit ing office also has been opened for non union workers and it was said that 200 discharged soldiers and sailers have been hired. Private detectives and 200 special guards have been engaged to guard boats and other property of the boat

VERMONT LED IN W. S. S.

New York State, Outside of New York

City Was Lowest in January. Washington, D. C., March 15 .- War savings stamps were sold in January at the rate of 45 cents for every person in the United States with a total sales of \$48,399,000, according to reports from and German Austria and unofficially headquarters to-day. New York City, was lowest, with only such a plan would threaten Switzerland's 1,678,500. Officers applying for reserve 15 cents per capita.

TEST CONSTITUTIONALITY

New York, March 15 .- Preliminary action toward testing the constitutionality of the war-time prohibition act was taken in the filing here to-day of a stockholders' suit in the federal court against the James Everard's breweries. The complainant, Joseph E. Everard, asked the court for an order restraining the defendant from suspending its manufacturing activities on May 1 next, and its sale July 1, as required by the federal statute.

The complaint alleges that the emergency prohibition clause of the agricultural bill passed Nov. 21, 1918, is unconstitutional as a measure intended to safeguard the national security and defense, inasmuch as the armistice had been signed, hostilities ceased, and orders had been given preliminary to reduction of the military forces before that date.

LEAVES PUNISHMENT TO PEACE CONFERENCE

Sub-Commission on Responsibility for the the War "Anomalous and Unnecessary."

Paris, Friday, March 14 .- A sub-com ission of the commission on responsibil ity for the war reported to-day that, strictly and technically, criminal prose cutions of those who brought about the struggle were "anomalous and unneces-sary," according to an official commuissued this evening. The report added, however, that the peace confer ence "might adopt special measures and even create special machinery to deal with those who planned the war."

The sub-committee received evidence which clearly analyzed the facts relative to the origin of the conflict, it was

Another sub-committed which dealt with violations of the laws and customs of war also submitted its report and proposed that the powers should establish a high tribunal which "should not, in the exercise of its criminal jurisdition, be blocked by considerations of

The commission, it was announced, is onsidering these reports.

SEPARATE PEACE TREATIES. Will Be the Program Proposed by Great Britain.

the peace conference is understood to liminary treaties with the central ailles as soon as possible after Germany is disposed of. Next would come the consideration of any amendments to the present constitution of the league of nations and then the league would be whipped into permanent shape. The peace treaty would follow and

would include the league of nations plan. The leading thought among the British now seems to be to strip the preliminary peace terms of all unnecessary incumberance and secure the signature of that document so that the world can begin to settle back to normal.

MANY WAR NURSES LANDED IN NEW YORK

Together with 1,025 Troops from Brest-There Were Some Civilians and a Few Casual Officers.

New York, March 15.-The steamship Hollandia arrived here to-day from Brest with 1,025 troops. Units included the 102d field battalion, signal corps. complete; mobile hospital number 101 and two casual companies. There were 150 nurses, 19 civilians and 24 casual officers of various branches of the serv-

POLAND-GERMANY BOUNDARY. Will Be One of the First Things Considered by Council of Ten.

Paris, Friday, March 14(By the Associ ated Press). One of the first questions to be considered by the council of ten, with President Wilson participating in the discussion, will be the boundary tween Poland and Germany. The Polish boundary commission, as well as the general territorial commission, has virtually greed unanimously on this boundary.

While no official announcement has seen made, it is known that Danzig is included in Poland and that the commissions have agreed upon a boundary which would give Poiand strategic points which should make her an effective barrier between bolshevism and western

PLAN TO NEUTRALIZE AUSTRIA DISCUSSED

This May Be Accomplished More Readily in Austrian Tyrol Because of Protection It Would Afford to Italy.

Paris, Friday, March 14.-Unofficial liscussion of the possible neutralization of Austria is continuing here. The plan apparently has strong support among the Austrian conservative forces, especially the church and the Christian So-

The movement for the neutralization of the Austrian Tyrol is more definite than that for the remainder of Austria, ecause of the protection such neutralization would afford Italy. It is also suggested that the Austrian canton of Voralberg be annexed to Switzerland. The Swiss are uneasy over the possibility of a union between Germany Vermont led in have advised the peace delegates of the the war department announced to-day per capita sales, with \$1.20, or a total of Swiss view that the virtual envelopment 83,774 being in the commissioned grades \$438,000. New York state, outside of of Switzerland by the Germans under Discharge has been ordered for a total of

future.

NATIONS' LEAGUE IN PEACE PACT

Plenary Council Has Positively Decided

MESSAGE REFUTES NEWSPAPER REPORT

> blegram from Paris To-day

New York, March 15,-Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, announced here to-day that he had reeived a cablegram from the president, tating that "the plenary council has positively decided that the league of na-

tions is to be part of the peace treaty." ne sent by Mr. Tumulty, inquiring C. A. whether there was any truth in certain newspaper stories that the league was not to be incorporated in the peace

WILSON PLUNGED DEEPLY INTO WORK

Immediately on His Arrival in Paris He Held Conferences with Several of the Leading Allied

Statesmen.

Paris, March 14.—President Wilson at no time in plunging into the probems of the peace conference on his arrival here to-day. His conference with Premier Lloyd George at the new presidential residence in the Place des Etats Unis, which began directly after the president reached his dwelling, lasted an minister of reconstruction. This conference brought together all the main di-Paris, Friday, March 34 (By the Associated Press).—The British program at exception of Premier Orlando of Italy. ucation M. B. Hillegas When the discussion ended at 5:30 the contemplate the signing of separate pre- president left for the Palace Elysce to call on President Poincare.

BANKERS MET AT WOODSTOCK. Lancaster, N. H., Man Was Elected as President.

Woodstock, March 15.- The Northern Bankers' association held its annual meeting and dinner at the Woodstock inn vesterday afternoon and evening, about 60 attending. The speakers were: C. E. Spencer, ir., deputy governor of the Federal Reserve bank of Boston, and Rev. Donald H. Gerrish of Lawrence, Mass.

W. H. Carten of Lancaster, N. H.; viceresidents, W. J. Saxie of Windsor, E. N. Pearson of Concord, N. H.; secretary and treasurer, C. L. LeBourveau of White River Junction; executive committee, P. Johnson of Newport, N. H., C. L. Stickney of Brattleboro, E. A. Davis of fect till May 1, 1920.

QUEBEC CITY HAS FIRE.

Property to Value of \$125,000 Was Destroyed.

Quebec, March 15 .- Fire early to-day damaged property to the value of \$125, 000 here, before it was brought under district. The flames were fought in zero weather, and one fireman fell three stories and was seriously injured. Properties of J. M. Orkin & company, wholesale iquor dealers, were destroyed.

PAROLES WERE GRANTED TO TWELVE ALIENS

But 19 of Those Recently Brought from the Western Coast Were Ordered Deported.

Washington, D. C., March 15,-Paroles were granted by Secretary of Labor Wil-son to-day to 12 aliens of the group of 54 sent to New York from the west reently under orders of deportation. In 19 cases the deportation order was affirmed. In the remaining 23 cases no applications for reopening of hearings

Most of the aliens ordered paroled had been offered parole on the basis of their original hearings and before they were removed from the state of Washington but refused to accept them. Those whose cases were not reconsidered either had been unable to interest attorneys of the I. W. W. in their cases or were willing to accept deportation. All the names were withheld by the

DEMOBILIZATION NEAR MILLION AND HALL

department of labor.

And Discharges Have Been Ordered For 1,678,500-Up to the Present 83,774 Commissioned Men Have Left

the Service. Washington, D. C., March 15,-Officers and men demobilizing number 1,419,386, commissions total 26,798,

BARRE MAN ELECTED BY HEAD MASTERS' CLUB

Supt. C. H. White Will Be President for the Ensuing Year-Educational Conference at University of Vermont Ended.

Burlington, March 15.-The 14th an nual conference of the schools of Ver-mont with the University of Vermont losed to-day with two round table conferences on agriculture and home eco-nomics. F. M. Kehoe, registrar of the University of Vermont, announced that 35 SURVIVORS ARE in the future the college will accept atu-dents on certificates only from the

schools that are approved by the Vermont state board of education.

The spring meeting of the Head Masters' club was held yesterday afternoon. Opening remarks were made and then Prof. Harvey O. Hutchinson, recently of Pres. Wilson Cables That Syracuse, N. Y., who is now supervisor of Vermont junior high schools, was called upon. He took as his subject "What a High School Principal's Asso ciation Has Accomplished in Another He gave a very clear explana tion of what the New York organization had done and made several suggestion as a basis for the work of the Head Masters' club of Vermont. Dr. George P Burns of the university was the next speaker and his subject was "Athletics in Vermont." He made a plea for cleaner athletics and more attention given to Sec. Tumulty Received Caphysical culture in the schools of the state. He said that the spring athletic meet at the university would be concluded under the Head Masters' club of

> Principal Edward S. Abhott, supervisor of Vermont high schools, then spoke of the need of a committee to outline the minimum course for commercial studies in Vermont high schools.

The club then proceeded to the regular business and first elected H. B. Dickinson of St. Albans secretary and treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Prin ripal Frederic Edwards of Montpelier who resigned last summer to go over This cablegram was sent in response to seas as an athletic director in the Y. M.

Phases of interpreting the athletic Private Arthur E. Miller Volunteered to rules received some attention and con siderable discussibn resulted when action was taken on the suggestion made by the previous speakers. Motions were made and earried that President Stack pole appoint a committee of three to co perate with the state board of educaon in outlining a minimum course of study in English. He is also to appoint a like committeee in history for Ver-mont high schools. The meeting adourned until the annual meeting in Oc-

In the evening the schoolmasters' ban-quite was held in the main dining room was held in the fall, as is customarq, the officers for the club were elected at this meeting for the year, as follows: President, Carroll H. White of Barre: vice president, Supt. E. A. Hamilton of Newport; secretary-treasurer, Principal E. W. Clowes of Richmond; executive comhour, while after luncheon the president mittee, Principal J. E. Colburn of Burwent to Colonel E. M. House's quarters lington, Supt. L. S. Smith of Wells Rivard for two hours and a half was in er and Principal A. B. Dickmon of St.

CONCORD QUARRYMEN ACCEPT BARRE SCALE

And Two Weeks' Strike Has Been Settled Under State Labor Commissioner Davies as Umpire.

Concord, N. H., March 15,-At a second onference between representatives of June, 1914, at the age of 18 years. the manufacturers, the quarry owners and representatives of the Quarry Work-International union, local 32, a strike which had been on since March I

The scale of Barre, Vt., was adopted. which gives the men an increase, according to the work they do of from 6% to 10 cents per hour. The scale dates from March 4, 1919, and is to be in cf- for a few months, going overseas in May

The men went on strike March 1, demanding a flat increase of wages of 10 when he gave up his life in the brave per cent. This was refused, and the men manner heretofore described. went out, returning to work March 4, since when they have been in conference, ents, three brothers and three sisters.

INSURANCE CASE STILL ON control, after threatening the business When Washington County Court Took for bravery will give his friends a sense Week-End Recess.

ess this morning until 9 o'clock Tuesmerchants, and the European agencies, day morning, when further presentation of evidence in the cases of E. Gomez vs. the insurance companies will take place. Luther G. Town, a Former Resident of Mr. Gomez completed his testimony for the plaintiff this morning, and I., Haves of Bellows Falls, representative of the defendants in Vermont, was on the stand, having been called to the stand by the plaintiff, although he was to have been a defensive witness. S. H. Jackson asked him many questions relative to the rejection of the claims, in an effort to bring out that the company had recognized the lease of the property upon which the stoneshed stood when fire was scovered, He was followed by Frank Phillips of Northfield, who knew considerable about the lease and who was giv ing testimony when the court adjourned for the week end.

Gomez for a time was in business in Montpelier, having moved his interests from Montpelier to Northfield. He was in the Phillips & Slack shed for a time and then bought the shed with a Mr. Higuera and conducted business in it.

Above Normal Temperature. Washington, D. C., March 15.-Weath r predictions for the week beginning

Monday, issued by the weather bureau o day, are: North and Middle Atlantic States-Unsettled, frequent rains; temperature above normal first part of week; normal thereafter.

A REAL TREE CUT IN JERICHO

Burlington, March 15. - An elm tree 35 inches in diameter at the butt and containing 2,906 feet of lumber has been cut in Jerieho This is the largest elm tree cut in Vermont in many years. The average elm tree contains about 600 or

U. S. TRANSPORT BANQUET, "MOVIES" AND SIGHT-SE STRUCK MINE Made a Busy Time for Oldsmobile People Who Gathered at State Head-

Nine Sailors Are Reported to Have Been Drowned . off the Yselhaven

AT HARTLEPOOL

Baltimore to Copen-

hagen

London, March 15. - Nine sailors are ported drowned in the sinking of the American naval transport Yselhaven, which struck a mine at 1:35 o'clock Friay morning, according to a report to Lloyds. The ship was bound from Baltiore to Copenhagen.

Thirty-five survivors have been landed Hartlepool by a British steamer.

The Yselhaven measured 3,558 tons and as built in Rotterdam in 1916. She was oard after the United States entered he war. She left Baltimore on Feb. 29 or Copenhagen.

The sinking of the Yselhaven probably eccurred in the North sea, as Hartlepool where the survivors were taken, is a port on the eastern coast of England.

WEBSTERVILLE MAN KILLED IN ACTION CITED FOR BRAVERY

Carry Important Message Through Heavy Gun Fire and Was on His Return When Killed.

Some of the circumstances surroundng the death in action of Private Ar-Miller of Websterville near Sergy, France, Aug. 1, 1918, are revealed n an official citation by the war department to-day announcing that a distinguished service medal had been awarded ost-humously. The young man died while returning with the answer to a very important message which he had of the attack, subjecting himself to "ex-

by artillery and machine guns. The citation reads as follows: "Pvt conference with Premiers Clemenceau Albans. A banquet followed, at which he had voluntarily delivered at a teresting spots. The engine rooms were states, living within 15 miles of the and Lloyd George, Colonel House, Andre there were short talks by Lieut. Gov. Tardieu and Louis Loucheur, the French minister of reconstruction. This conference brought together all the main directing forces of the conference with the Normal school and Commissioner of Ed. Miller, mother, Websterville, Vt."

performance of which he lost his life, taken of the group. for he was a conscientious fellow, deterstudent, he was a hard worker and over-

Private Miller had resided in Websterville practically all his life, having been brought there when a baby by parents, who moved from Leeds, P. Q. was settled. Labor Commissioner John where Arthur was born Oct. 13, 1895. These officers were elected: President, S. B. Davie presided at the conference He was a member of the Baptist church in Websterville and as a young man held positions in the Sunday school of that

> He enlisted Feb. 4, 1018, and was sent to Camp Greene, N. C., where he trained as a member of Co. B. 47th infantry. He had not been long in overseas service manner heretofore described.

Private Miller leaves, besides his parthrough their committee, with the manu-facturers. They being Harry, James, Maurice, Irene, Annie and Adelia. The young man was highly regarded and the announcement the war department of his citation of satisfaction, for they know that he was deserving of the distinction thus Washington county court took a re- given him. /

DEATH AT PLAINFIELD.

Barre, Passed Away To-day. Luther G. Town, a former resident of Barre, died suddenly of apoplexy this morning at the home of his son, Dean P. Town, in Plainfield. He had been in failing health since last June because of the infirmities of old age. He was 82

years of age last September Mr. Town was born in Montpeller in 1836, being the son of James and Harriet (Patterson) Town. His early life vas spent in farming, his home then being in East Montpelier. In 1896 he moved to Barre, where he resided for 17 years. The past five years he has re

ided in Plainfield with his son In 1865 he married Laura A. Kidder. She died in Barre in 1905. Besides the son, Dean P. Town, Mr. Town leaves one sister, Mary Chamberlain of Portland,

The funeral service will be held at the son's home in Plainfield Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be in Hope cemetery in Barre.

QUAKER OATS CO. SUED. Government Claims Improper Labeling of Food Products.

U. S. Deputy Marshal George F. Lackey of Montpelier to-day filed a writ of summons in the case of United States vs. Quaker Oats Co. of Richford, claiming misrepresentation in the labeling of several sacks of food products sent to Wentworth & Plaisted of Sanford, Me. The case is returnable at the May term of U. S. court at Windsor.

MEET MAY 27-29.

semble in Burlington. Burlington, March 15,-The annual state convention of the Knights of Co-

lumbus is to be held here May 27-29.

and service men in Barre yester ernoon and last evening proved an occasion of enjoyment, although a largely attended as had pected. Local organizations co-oper in playing the part of host along with ing the part of host, along with the Olds mobile Company of Vermont, whose head quarters is located in Barre. The company gave a banquet last night at Hotel Barre to 75 automobile men of

this state and members of the Barre Board of Trade. At 8:30 the men took their places at the tables to partake of The Ship Was Bound from an excellent supper, consisting of Ver mont turkey and many other very palatable dishes. At each plate was a men card of a very neat and artistic design proving to be only one of several beau tiful souvenirs distributed during the evening to remind the banqueters of the cordial welcome given them while attending the Oldsmobile convention in this city.

A musical program which continued throughout the evening was opened by Miss Leona Lamb, singing, "Just a Little Love, a Little Kiss," with the Landi orchestra as accompaniment. Miss Lamb core with the chorus of the song. The "Narcissus Overture." James Bennett, whose name was on the program, was aken over by the United States shipping ably substituted for by George Mackay with a vocal solo, "Till We Meet Again, for which he was encored. Cuddy Duncan, one of Vermont's best comedians. amusement by singing, "Oh, Lassie, Behave," and for the encore Harry Lauder's soloists then sang together, "In Merry Oldsmobile," and were joined by the entire crowd in the choruses.

Sales Manager H. B. Blossom addressed the guests, thanking the Board of Trade. Barre Merchants' association, the Granite Manufacturers' association, and the citizens of Barre, for their co-operation in entertaining the visiting automobile dealers, ending his speech by introducing Mayor Glysson. The mayor's words were few but well chosen and expressed his delight at having the Oldsmobile convention held in Barre and desired to see it held here every year.

The party was then conducted to the Park theatre, where moving pictuers displayed the building of the Oldsmobile car from raw materials, and its excellent qualities.

Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the company, including both visiting automobile men and local people, voluntarily delivered at a critical time left Depot square on a special train over the Barre & Chelsea road to the quarries, treme danger" because of a sweeping fire where they were taken in hand and shown every point of interest.

stopped a few moments by The train (First Class) Arthur E. Miller (de- two of the E. L. Smith quarries, where eased), Company B, 47th infantry. For views were obtained from the car winextraordinary heroism in action near dows. Then the party proceeded to the Sergy, France, August 1, 1918. Pvt. Mil- Boutwell, Milne & Varnum quarries of ler was killed while returning with an dark granite, where they detrained and provisions of the measure recently answer to a very important message made a thorough trip through these in-, Mrs. Mary about 3 o'clock, in which everybody par- and spend practically the entire season ticipated to the full extent. The crisp or part of the season here, and does not Those in Barre and Websterville who air, together with the exercise occasioned refer to those who are going and coming. were acquainted with the young man by climbing over the ledges, gave exery-are unanimous in the belief that be one a keen appetite. Following the lunchwould have been just the one to volun- con, the sightseers were lined up against ing of the bill, to clear up an error, and teer for the dangerous mission, in the the train, while two photographs were Mr. Ayers of Barre City called attention

Once more the party entrained and mined and with a high sense of duty. In were taken to the E. L. Smith quarries, Spaulding high school, where he was a where all left the train and went for auother exploration trip, which was equalall had seen all the points of interest and were ready to board the train, they were all lined up against a ledge which rises to the height of 100 feet, while two

obtained. The party boarded the train for home about 4 o'clock. The trip home was by no means dull. Different members of the gathering entertained the rest with anecdotes and the relations of humorous incidents. All expressed their delight over the afternoon's enjoyment. It was a very interesting and also highly educational trip, and while to those that viewed it for the first time it seemed nothing short of wonderful, it still held unbounded in terest for those who had seen it many

SPAULDING CONTENDER FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Victory Over Waterbury Last Night Puts the Team in Running for the Decisive Game.

A basketball game at Waterbury be ween Spaulding high school and Waterbury high school at Waterbury last night ended with the score of 20 to 14 in Spaulding's favor. The game was very fast though many fouls, both personal and otherwise, were called on teams. Randall, the new center for Waterbury, out-jumped Lillie at center several times during the game, a feat which has not been accomplished by any other opponent during the basketball season. Probably one of the best features of the game was a basket made by Carpenter, when he shot the ball from the extreme end of the hall, it dropping through the cage without touching the McHardy, though not at his usual pace at raising the score for Spaulding, shot eight out of nine fouls. The Waterbury team made it a very

interesting game for Spaulding and kept the Barre team in constant fear lest i should not be able to prove to Mont pelier that it had the superior team. But with the thunderous rooting of the hundred or more Spaulding students, Spaulding came through with victory, and is now entitled to play Montpelier high school for the Northern league championship. This game, it is expected, will be played at Morrisville, but as yet no definite date is known.

The line-up is as follows: Spairlding Carpenter, Igrf, Cleric Lillie, c.....e, Randall McHardy, rf...... lg, Gray, Powers Young, lf....rg, Donovar Baskets by Lillie 2, Brown 2, Mc ..rg, Donovan Hardy, Clericii Carpenter, O'Brien Donovan. Fouls shot by Clerici and Mc-Hardy, eight each. Time two 20-minute Referee, Egan; umpire, W.

Maiden. Vermont Knights of Columbus to As-Easy Victory for Burlington. Burlington, March 15-Burlington high school easily defeated St. Afbans high school at basketball last night, the score being 43 to 8.

HAD TO HUNT FOR AND SIGHT-SEEING + PRAYING MAN

When Chaplain of the House Failed to Show Up at Saturday Session

HYDE PARK MEMBER FINALLY FILLED BILL

There Were Less Than 100 Present While House Transacted Considerable Work

With less than 100 members present, the House held its first real Saturday morning session to-day, passed nine bills, ordered three to a third reading, and put over two which called for more extensive treatment, clearing up the calendar so was well applauded and answered the en- that things can be started with a rush Monday evening. In the meantime the orchestra then played "Fantasia" and Senate chamber remained in undisturbed repose, the greater part of the senators

having gone to their homes yesterday. It was found when it came time to convene the House this morning, that the chaplain was taking the day off, furnished considerable entertainment and was in sight. A self-appointed committee set out to draft some member of the House to lead the devotional exercises famous song, "Fou the Noo." The three and pray for the safe guidance in the work of the day. After a number of gentlemen had insisted that they be excused, Mr. McFarland of Hyde Park finally rose to the occasion and conduct

ed the exercises. Only one bill caused any discussion in the House this morning. This was H. relating to the operation of trucks and other motor vehicles, a new measure introduced yesterday. The bill was read he second time, and Mr. Witters of St. Johnsbury interrogated the committee on highways and bridges as to whether the clause in the bill defining a non-resident as "anyone who does not vote or pay his personal tax in this state," would apply to a woman who did not take advantage of House bill No. 1 and a poll tax in the state.

Mr. Taylor of Hardwick, speaking for he committee, said that it had not been intended that the hill should be so interpreted. There is a provision in the bill for registering cars of non-residents who come into the state for the season of not more than four months during the summer, and the question was as to whether a woman not paying a poll tax and not voting would be classed as a

non-resident under this act. terrogated the committee as to whether this act would not interfere with the passed that allowed persons in other

Mr. Buxton of Middletown Springs of fered several amendments in the wordto the fact that it would be necessary to have bridges marked in some way so that the drivers would know which ones required the care in driving prescribed in this act, so that it would not be neces came many handicaps, graduating in ly as entertaining as the other. When sary to get out and measure every bridge encountered. Mr. Buxton said that such a provision would be incorporated in the

In view of all these difficulties over the more photographs of the crowd were measure, Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry moved that the bill be placed at the end of the calendar and this was agreed to.

It will come up Monday evening. Another bill put over for further consideration was H. 276, relating to the election o. town officers, providing that election by ballot shall be by majority The House passed in concurrence: 8,

67, relating to the issuance of bonds for county tuberculosis hospitals; S. 81, relating to the punishment of habitual drunkards; S. 83, to provide for the completion of the vital records of the state Other bills passed were: H. 195, relating to venereal diseases; H. 270, relating to notice to taxpayers; H. 275, relating to commitments to the school for feebleminded; H. 277, regulating the transportation of dynamite, gunpowder and oth er explosives by common carrier; and H 281, relating to soldiers' monuments (as amended by Mr. Witters of St. Johns-

Under suspension of the rules, the House reconsidered its vote by which it passed in concurrence S. 68, relating to the granting of letters of administration. The bill was called up by Mr. Cudworth of Londonderry, who said that some mis wording had been found after the bill reached the executive chamber. The message was passed in concurrence with proposals of amendment offered by Mr.

A bill has been introduced in the House to amend the general law so that towns may erect soldiers' monuments for men who served in any war in which this nation has been involved. This was the bill framed so that Barre could legally vote to erect a memorial through taxation. The talked-of resolution for final ad-

ournment March 29 did not make ita appearance to-day, and, with the usual week end exodus to deal with, the chances of winding up the legislature's business within the next two weeks seem increasingly thin.

The House this afternoon suspended its rules on motion of Mr. Dunklee of Vernon and S. 70, providing for a census of farms offered for sale, was taken from the table and recommitted. H. 155, authorizing the auditor of accounts to convey certain lands owned by the state in Waterbury, was passed, and S. 82, relating to municipal courts, was rejected. H. 270 was advanced to a third reading. It relates to notice to taxpayers.

Bills Signed.

H. 232, an act relative to the registration and operation of motor vehicles owned by non-residents residing within 15 miles of the boundaries of this state. H. 235, an act to amend the first paragraph of section 56 of No. 211 of the sets of 1902, as amended, relating to the charter of the city of Barre (raising school tax from 70 cents to \$1).

H. 236, an act relating to transfers of inmates between certain state institu-